

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-9 and 11-23 are pending. An editorial amendment has been made to Claim 8 to add a colon ":". Accordingly, the Applicants do not believe that any new matter has been added. Favorable consideration and allowance of this application is now respectfully requested.

Rejection—Double Patenting

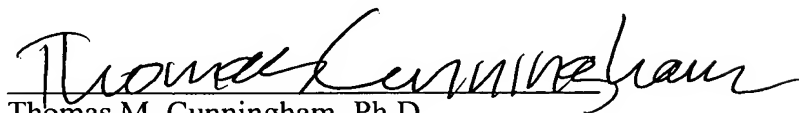
Claims 1 and 7-11 were (provisionally) rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1-6, 10-13, 16-19, 22-24, and 27-28 of copending application 10/475,094 (now U.S. Patent No. 7,071,189). This rejection is moot in view of the attached terminal disclaimer.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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